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SUBJECT: EC ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE CONSIDERS SEVERAL US
TRADE ISSUES

REF: (A) STATE 42798, (B) EC BRUSSELS 2081

1. PERM DEL OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMED US OF THE THE RESULTS OF A MARCH 3 ARTICLE 113 DEPUTIES COMMITTEE MEETING, HELD IN PART TO CONSIDER SEVERAL US-EC TRADE ISSUES. THE COMMISSION REPORTED ON THE ITC FINDING ON FOOTWEAR AND SAID IT WOULD ON MARCH 12 SUBMIT TO THE COMMITTEE A PROPOSED VERBAL NOTE TO THE US WHICH WOULD INDICATE THE EC DISSATISFACTION WITH THIS FINDING. THE MAIN POINT IN THE NOTE WOULD BE THAT EUROPEAN FOOTWEAR EXPORTS WERE NOT THE CAUSE OF THE ADVERSE IMPACT OF SHOE IMPORTS ON THE US INDUSTRY. IT WOULD ALSO SAY THAT RELATIVELY SMALL WAGE DIFFERENTIALS BETWEEN THE US AND ITALIAN INDUSTRIES WERE NOT A MAJOR COMPETITIVE FACTOR. THE ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE ASKED THE COMMISSION TO SUBMIT ITS NOTE TO US AUTHORITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. THE COMMITTEE ALSO AGAIN TOOK UP THE ITC FINDING
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ON ALLOY STEEL. THE COMMITTEE FAVORED MAKING FURTHER

REPRESENTATIONS TO THE US. THE UK REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED THAT PRESIDENT ORTOLI SEND A LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD TO REAFFIRM HIS CONCERN IN A MATTER WHICH HE HAD MENTIONED DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO WASHINGTON. COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER THIS SUGGESTION.

3. THE COMMISSION ALSO CIRCULATED A COPY OF THE US MISSION'S AIDE-MEMOIRE REQUESTING GATT ARTICLE XXIII CONSULTATIONS ON EC RESTRICTIONS ON FRUITS AND VEGETABLE IMPORTS (REF A). THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION ON THIS NOTE, BUT THE COMMITTEE WAS INFORMED OF THE PROPOSED MARCH 26 DATE FOR THE CONSULTATIONS (REF B).
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